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REMARKS

In the Office action, claim 30 was finally rejected as unpatentable over Greer of record in view of Schissel *et al* of record. This rejection is traversed for the following reasons.

Claim 30 specifically calls for three layers or coatings in which the moduli thereof are all different from each other. neither Greer nor Schissel *et al* disclose such a structure. The Examiner, in the rejection of claim 30 apparently ignores this limitation, and certainly applies no prior art disclosure to it.

The limitation is fully supported in the specification. AS a matter of fact, the invention of claim 30 is substantially fully described in the first paragraph of the Summary on page 3, lines 12-16. Neither Greer nor Schissel *et al* disclose what is therein described, and it is submitted, therefore, that claim 30 is allowable.

Inasmuch as claim 30 is with this proposed amendment, the sole claim remaining in the case, it is respectfully requested that the Final Rejection of that claim be withdrawn and the case pass to issue.

Respectfully submitted,


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